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THE WHITE HOUSE

Washington

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: Security Protection of Ultra-Sensitive Advanced Intelligence Collection Systems (Recommendation No. 29 of the January 20, 1962 Report to the President by the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board)

In its January 20, 1962 report to the President the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board expressed deep concern about serious breaches of security which had occurred with respect to the Discoverer-Corona program, and pointed out that a similar breakdown in security with respect to the Oxcart Program could lead to effective defensive measures on the part of the Soviets and thereby deny to the United States crucially-needed information concerning the Soviet ICBM capability. Accordingly the Board recommended that, with respect to the Discoverer-Corona, Oxcart and other intelligence reconnaissance projects (a) prompt and stringent measures be taken within the intelligence community and with contractors, to ensure that the numbers of persons granted access to information concerning such projects be kept to an absolute minimum consistent with practical requirements, and (b) there be periodic security reinductions of all persons cleared for access to such information including information relating to the special photographic capabilities involved.

The President has approved the above recommendation. It is accordingly requested that a report on the action taken on this recommendation be furnished to the President and to the President's Board by February 26, 1962.

McGeorge Bundy

cc: President's Foreign Intelligence
Advisory Board
(Attention: Mr. J. Patrick Coyne)